

# Alaska Local and Regional Information

## Workforce Info

### Kenai

Kenai is a home rule city located on the western coast of the Kenai Peninsula. It lies on the western boundary of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge on the Kenai Spur Highway, about 155 road miles southwest of Anchorage via the Sterling Highway. Kenai is part of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

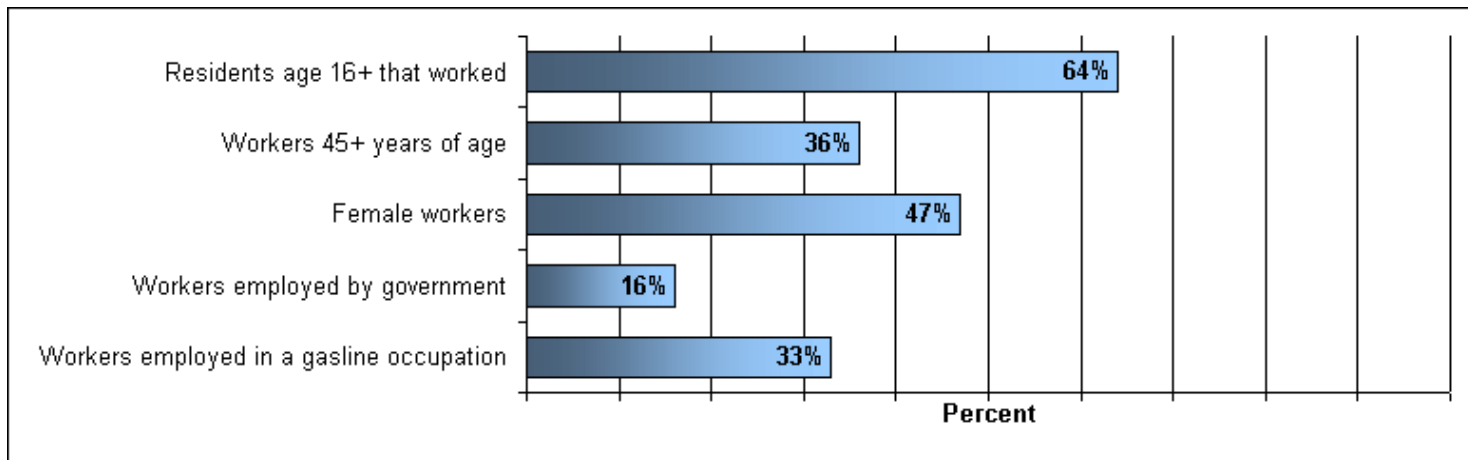
- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 7,134, a gain of about 192 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 64 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 18 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Roustabouts, Oil and Gas than any other occupation.

Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Kenai Resident Snapshot (2008)			
Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	5,493	Total wages	\$129,481,699
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	3,499	Private	2,934
Male	1,859	State government	177
Female	1,638	Local government	388
Age 45+	1,262	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	842	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	3,149
		Percent working all 4 quarters	68.0%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	571	Some construction	553
		At least 1 year construction	277
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	153
New hires	1,362	Worked in an <b>AGIA</b> occupation	2,471

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## 2008 Residents

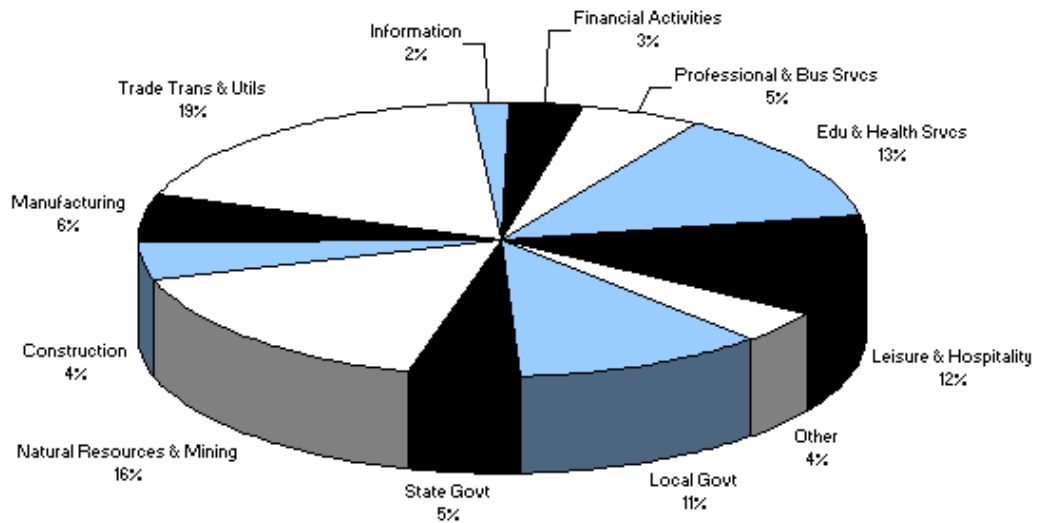


## Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	135	6.7%	25	15
Retail Salespersons	112	52.3%	33	21
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	107	72.0%	62	39
Cashiers	86	75.6%	21	15
Office Clerks, General <b>AGIA</b>	82	73.2%	24	17
Home Health Aides	77	83.1%	24	15
Food Preparation Workers <b>AGIA</b>	73	43.8%	7	6
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	67	25.4%	12	7
Receptionists and Information Clerks <b>AGIA</b>	57	93.0%	9	5
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	56	66.1%	3	1
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	55	76.4%	15	13
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	50	2.0%	28	18
Waiters and Waitresses	49	83.7%	9	4
Personal and Home Care Aides	47	87.2%	24	16
Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining	46	4.3%	15	12
Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers, All Other	42	61.9%	4	3
Carpenters <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	41	2.4%	12	5
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	40	45.0%	15	9
Construction Laborers <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	39	5.1%	14	11
Petroleum Pump System Operators, Refinery Operators, and Gaugers	39	0.0%	20	11

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## Resident Workers by Industry



### Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	559	8.4%	213	134
Construction	152	13.8%	50	38
Manufacturing	200	19.0%	81	56
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	640	44.8%	212	136
Information	58	48.3%	19	11
Financial Activities	112	67.9%	36	27
Professional and Business Services	187	41.7%	71	52
Educational and Health Services	465	85.4%	171	107
Leisure and Hospitality	415	59.0%	78	51
State Government	177	54.8%	96	64
Local Government	388	60.1%	195	139
Other	139	63.3%	40	27
Unknown	7	57.1%	0	0

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### Recent Unemployment Statistics

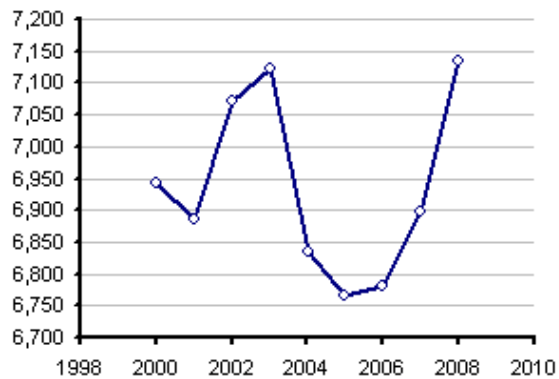
	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	468	531	601	649

\*\*UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

## Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Kenai Peninsula Borough School
State of AK (excludes U of A)
ASRC Energy Services O&M Inc
Central Peninsula General Hospital
Peak Oilfield Svc Co
Kenai City of
Veco Alaska Inc
Safeway Inc
Kenaitze Indian Tribe
Kenai Peninsula Borough

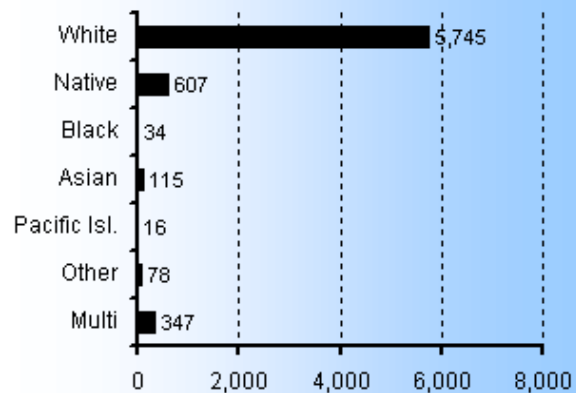
**Population over Time**



**2000 Census**

Median Age	32.3
Average Family Size	3.2
Average Household Size	2.6
Per Capita Income	\$20,789
Median Family Income	\$56,856
Median Household Income	\$45,962

**Population by Race**



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section  
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